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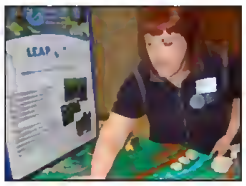

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South Simcoe Streams Network celebrates partnerships.

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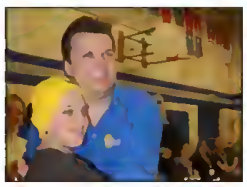

More Shave for the Brave

Shave for the Brave, at W.H. Day Elementary School.

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Autism Awareness

Bradford raised the Autism Awareness flag on April 2.

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April Pools Day!

Photo by Miriam King, Bradford Times

It's never too soon to be prepared for Summer. Kids learn the importance of wearing life jackets, at April Pools Day, a Drowning Prevention activity day.

April 5 was the Lifesaving Society's April Pools Day at the Bradford Lions' Aquatics Centre.

The event was designed to help families get ready for a safe and active summer - even though summer is still months away..

During April Pools Day, families could learn drowning prevention strategies, proper lifejacket fitting and use, basic self-help skills, and rescue techniques in a water emergency.

The emphasis was on "swimming as a life skill" - to prevent drowning, and promote physical activity and a healthy lifestyle.

All of the swimming admission proceeds for the day were donated to the Lifesaving Society's Drowning Prevention Fund - and participants had an opportunity to win prizes that included a one-month Child's Membership at the Leisure Centre, and Swimming Lessons.

One of the key lessons of April Pools Day was that lifejackets only work when you wear them. Personal flotation devices that are tucked under a seat, or stored in a cabin, may not

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Town recruiting physicians

BWG - The new Bradford West Gwillimbury Family Health Centre is now open and operating, in the completely-refurbished and renovated old Library building at 100 Holland Court.

The facility has room for 6 family physicians - 3 doctors already established in Bradford, and 3 more now being recruited. The Centre also houses a satellite of the Southlake Family Health Team.

The Southlake team consists of a Nurse Practitioner, Nurse, Social Worker, Pharmacist, Dietitian and other healthcare providers who will provide additional services and a new level of care for patients of doctors working out of the Centre.

The Centre is not a walk-in clinic, and Doctors Susan Kuzmyk, Mabel Hsin and Andy Tsang are currently not accepting new patients. However, the Southlake Family Health Team in Newmarket is accepting patients at ***www.southlakefht.ca*** (note: new patients will not automatically be transferred to the Bradford facility) - and a new BWG website has been set up, both to recruit new physicians and to help residents find a doctor. Residents should visit ***www.gotobwg.ca/FHC*** and click on the "I am a patient" button to be added to the waiting list for a physician.

The Family Health Centre is also the new home of CML Healthcare Blood Lab, which will be open Monday to Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays, from 7:30 a.m. to noon. The Lab is open to anyone with a Doctor's requisition, who requires blood work.

The renovation project had a budget of $2.25 million, and is reportedly under budget. The Town, as landlord, receives $140,000 per year in rent, and will eventually recoup its costs. The tenants pay utilities and taxes.

The Town is actively recruiting new physicians from the Southlake Residency program, and is hoping to interest young, new family doctors.

Concerns over bus stops

Not everyone is excited about the start of Transit service in Bradford, on May 1st.

Some homeowners on West Park Ave. recently realized that the bus will be passing in front of their homes, and that stakes have been set in place, marking the location of the bus stops.

Ashland Paving Ltd. was awarded the $147,000 contract last year to install a total of 77 "landing pads" and bus stop posts , but only managed to complete work on Holland St., before winter weather set in. Now Ashland is back, hoping to install all of the posts on the collector roads, at least, before the transit system is operative.

But for Brandon Marmara, the location of a bus stop on West Park near his home has been a shock - especially since, he says, he was not notified.

"Nobody got any notice (at the south end of West Park)," he insisted. "It is disappointing to know we spent a lot of our hard-earned money on our homes, to have (them) depreciated in value by the Town, without our consent or knowledge.

"It's unacceptable - not providing the information."

Marmara has contacted his Ward Councillor, and the Engineering Dept. with his concerns.

Director of Engineering Arup Mukherjee insists that notices were hand-delivered to all homes along the proposed bus routes, starting in October. "We weren't going to send it registered mail. We felt it was better to leave them at people's homes."

He said that the consultant and Engineering determined the appropriate locations for bus stops. "They can call us, but we've spent a fair bit of time choosing these stops," Mukherjee said. "We tried not to pick (sites) directly in front of someone's house," and all of the stops are on arterial or collector roads.

He noted that there is excitement over the start of transit. As to whether the bus routes, which cover a 40 minute loop, will be altered in future, he said, "We're going to have to wait and see how this goes."

And as for the complaints from homeowners, if there is something that has been overlooked or should be reconsidered, "we'll certainly look at it" - but at this stage of planning, the routes, and the bus stops are set.

Auld Kirk planning

The Auld Kirk, one of the most historic churches and cemeteries in Bradford West Gwillimbury, is now owned by the Town, and has been approved for Heritage Designation. The church is located on the 6th Line west of 10SR.

On Wednesday, April 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Multi-purpose room of the BWG Leisure Centre, the public is invited to provide input and suggestions for the long-term use of the building.

For more information, contact Geoff McKnight, 905-775-5369 ext. 1401.

Suspended Driver

Around 2:30 p.m. on April 5, South Simcoe Police received a 911 call reporting a possible Impaired driver on County Rd. 27, in Innisfil. Officers located the vehicle driving through Cookstown, and pulled the driver over. They determined that the driver, a 53 year old Innisfil man, was sober - but that his licence had been under suspension for over a year. He was charged with Drive while Under Suspension, and released with a Court date of May 14.

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Pet Appreciation at Pet Valu

April is Pet Appreciation Month at Pet Valu - a fundraiser for local animal shelters and causes. On April 5, Bradford's Pet Valu store at 442 Holland St. West welcomed "North", a Dog Guide in training. The 12-week-old puppy - held by Lisa Sawchuk, left, and Jenn Pegg - is currently being fostered, but will be trained by the Lions International Dog Guide program in Oakville. The program provides Canine Vision, Hearing Ear, Special Skills (for the disabled), Seizure Response, Autism Assistance and new Diabetic Alert dogs to qualified applicants, at no charge.

Jenn, and Store owners Liz and Bob Pegg are members of the Lions Club. The store is raising funds for Dog Guides, and a local cat shelter, through sales of paper paws, and donations of pet supplies. On April 12 and 13, drop in for "Adoption Weekend" when the Alliston & District Humane Society will be bringing a number of small animals, looking for a "Forever Home."

Sitting in the Sunshine

The Sunshine List - the list of public sector employees who earned $100,000 or more in 2013 - has been released.

There are currently 17 names on the list in Bradford West Gwillimbury - in part, due to some turnover in staff. Top salaries were paid to Town Manager Jay Currier, who pulled in $180,403 for the year; Director of Leisure Services Tom Graham ($161,596), Director of Planning Geoff McKnight ($158,207) and Director of Finance Ian Goodfellow ($157,647).

The Town of Innisfil had 21 names on the Sunshine List - with top salaries paid to CAO John Skorobohacz ($190,196); Director of Infrastructure and Engineering Andy Campbell ($155,004), Director of Legal Services Jason Reynar ($149,548), Director of Human Resources Michelle Collette ($140,296) and Director of Finance Lockie Davis ($140,296).

As well, the shared South Simcoe Police Service had another 49 employees earning over $100,000 per year - including Deputy Chief Al Cheesman, at $172,973, and Chief Rick Beazley, $166,910.

The County of Simcoe had 55 names on the List - top earner being CAO Mark Aitken, who was paid $239,961 for 2013.

The Simcoe County District School Board had 225 employees earning $100,000 or more. The Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board, 156. See ***www.fin.gov.on./en/publications/salarydisclosure***

Costly to have No Insurance

A South Simcoe Police officer patrolling the 20th SR in Innisfil around 10:30 p.m. on March 26, spotted a car with an expired validation. After investigating, the officer discovered that the insurance had also expired.

A 34 year old Barrie woman was charged with numerous Highway Traffic Act offences, including Drive No Insurance.

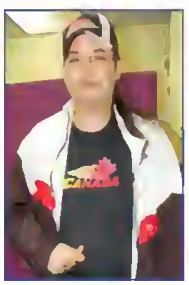
On March 27, around 6:30 p.m., a K-9 officer conducting a radar check on Aishford Rd. in Bradford noted a vehicle with expired plates. The car was pulled over and the driver, an 18 year old Bradford teen, was questioned. The teen was driving his mother's vehicle, which not only had expired plates, but also did not have valid insurance. A 42 year old Bradford woman has been charged with Owner-Permit Operation of Vehicle Without Insurance. She faces a minimum fine of $5000, if convicted.

A 26 year old Bradford man was stopped for a traffic offence on Holland St. West, at about 3:30 p.m. on April 3. The officer noticed that the Licence Plates were expired. During the investigation, the officer also discovered that the man did not have Insurance on the vehicle. He was charged with No Insurance, and released with a Court date of May 14 - when he could face a minimum fine of $5,000 if convicted.

In Ontario, all vehicles must be insured for Third-party liability for at least $200,000. When driving your own or someone else's vehicle you must carry the "pink slip" (Liability Insurance Card) for that vehicle.

Scooter disappeared in emergency

Victor Luff remembers little about the day, early in January, when he had his first seizure, and was rushed to hospital.



He doesn't remember where the seizure occurred. And he doesn't know what happened to the red Rascal scooter that he was using to get around Bradford at the time.

Luff, who suffered a stroke in 2000 and spent a year in Sunnybrook Medical Sciences Centre recovering, has had the $6,000 mobility scooter for year, and "paid for it myself."

But when he was rushed to hospital, the scooter was apparently left behind - and disappeared. His insurance company refused to cover the loss.

"It's like a car to me. I used to be really independent." Now, Luff says, "I'm stuck."

He can walk, using a cane, and a neighbour has been kind enough to drive him to appointments and shopping. But he misses the mobility that the scooter provided.

He suspects it may have been picked up by someone, and sold - but if anyone has the scooter, sitting in a garage or backyard, he'd love to get it back, and regain his independence.

Meet the Municipal Candidates

January 2, 2014, marked the start of the filing period for candidates in the 2014 Municipal Election.

September 12, 2014 is the final day for candidates to submit nomination papers to the clerk - or to withdraw a nomination. Voting day is October 27.

In Bradford West Gwillimbury, Registered candidates are:

Deputy Mayor - Carl Hordyk (incumbent Ward 4 Councillor)
Ward 1 Councillor - Fabio Di Genova; Raj Sandhu (incumbent)
Ward 2 - Gary Baynes
Ward 3 - Gary Lamb (incumbent)
Ward 4 - Jessica Jamieson
Ward 5 - Munawar Chudary, Peter Ferragine
Ward 6 - James Leduc (incumbent)

Council that consist of Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and 7 Ward Councillors.

English Public School Trustee with the Simcoe County District School Board - Donna Da Silva

English Catholic School Trustee with the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board - Jeanny Salmon (incumbent)

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York-Simcoe NDP choose

The York-Simcoe Provincial NDP Riding Association held its nomination meeting on April 7, at the Bradford Community Centre - and elected Laura Bowman as its candidate in the next Provincial election.

It was, Riding Association president Keith Lindsay noted, "the only contested nomination in the entire riding," with members having a choice between Bowman, a lawyer and environmental activist, and university student Devin Ridley.

Ridley, the son of former candidate Sylvia Gerl, is a long-time worker for the NDP, and a "co-operative entrepreneur," who described himself as representing "the Left of the NDP."

In an atmosphere that invoked the spirit of Tommy Douglas, about 50 party members listened to speeches from the two candidates, before casting their ballots.

Bowman identified the Economy and Growth as key issues in the Riding. "I have a different vision of what growth should mean," she said, telling members that is should be sustainable, creating "safe, walkable, bikeable communities... Not more sprawl on our prime farmlands, wetlands and forests."

She accused the Liberals and Progressive Conservatives of having "mismanaged the environment for the past two decades," and in the area that produced the 1837 Rebellion against the English Family Compact, called on voters to "drive out the Liberal and Conservative Family Compact" of today.

Ridley told the members, "I try to live my Democratic Socialism." He agreed that some are afraid to use the word "Socialism... because people don't know what it means. We should teach them what it means. It means public schools. It means public health care. It means public roads."

He aligned his vision with that of the late Tommy Douglas, Social Democrat and later, leader of the CCF (Co-operative Commonwealth Federation) in Saskatchewan, and Provincial Premier, credited with introducing universal health care.

"We need someone to act," Ridley said. "We can do better. We need to do better... It's never too late to make the world a better place."

While the votes were being tallied, Georgina Ward 3 Councillor Dave Szollosy spoke, calling on members to donate to the coming election campaign. "The fact that you've come here tonight shows interest in democracy, awareness that Ontario is not working," Szollosy said. "What is going on in the province is not in the interests of the Canadian people, or the Ontario people."

He spoke of the "lies... the misleading... the boondoggles," and added, "People are tired of the Liberals. People certainly don't trust Hudak (leader of the PC Party)."

Members had received 2 ballots; they only needed one, electing Bowman on the first round.

"This is just the beginning," Bowman said. "There's lots more work to do... This is the year that we will retire Julia Munro (incumbent MPP for York-Simcoe). This is the year that we will send Wynne and Hudak packing."

After the meeting, Bowman spoke to the issues. "I think that Growth and Development is really a key issue in this riding. The term "Growth" has been corrupted to mean a certain thing... We need to rethink growth." She pointed to Provincial policies that seem to favour large-scale development, holes in the Greenbelt, the stalled 404 extension on the east side of Lake Simcoe, and Bradford West Gwillimbury's employment lands on the 400, "eating up a lot of agricultural land in the process."

Bowman argued that smarter growth isn't just a matter of environmental protection, but of economics. "It cuts across government accountability... It costs them money on the municipal level, it costs them money on the federal level," impacting everything from traffic congestion, to taxes.

"There are much better ways that we can manage growth," Bowman said, and avoid costly infrastructure by encouraging compact, complete communities.

Photo: Keith Lindsay congratulates candidate Laura Bowman.

Submitted Photo

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letters to the editor

Cadets say Thank You!

To the editor: 94 Squadron Newmarket Air Cadets would like to thank the community of Bradford for their generous support of the Air Cadets during their tagging drive, March 27-30. Our two tagging drives annually generate the majority of the Squadron's operating funds.

94 Newmarket Air Cadets serves the youth of Bradford, Keswick, Newmarket and surrounding communities, encouraging citizenship, leadership, and teaches the fundamentals of aviation. Our cadets have an opportunity to join the band, biathalon, marksmanship teams and more; they can even earn a pilot's licence - the sky's the limit!

None of this would be possible without the ongoing support of the following stores, which allow our cadets to tag outside their entrances: No Frills, Canadian Tire, Shoppers Drug Mart, Zehrs, Walmart and Tim Hortons. Thank you! The Youth of today are our leaders of tomorrow.

Michele Tirone, SSC Vice Chair

Volunteer for Elizabeth Fry

To the editor: The Elizabeth Fry Society of Simcoe County is seeking new directors to complement its board and help in achieving the Society's mission to "support, advocate for and empower individuals at risk to enrich their lives and to inspire positive change in our community."

Although we welcome a variety of skills, persons with experience in human resources, law, construction, and internet and website development, and those who have shown service and leadership through involvement in the community or their employment would be a great addition to the board.

In the past year, Elizabeth Fry has undergone significant changes - including the retirement of founder and executive director Paula King. We have a strong strategic plan which will guide us in our planning and actions for the next 5 years, and we are embarking on a fundraising campaign to help us meet some of the critical capital needs of our home.

A full complement to our board will ensure that we can deliver our vision of "healthy, hopeful and empowered individuals, supported by a community that understands the challenges, stigmas and systemic issues faced by those at risk." The Elizabeth Fry Society has a mandate to provide programs and services for women integrating into society after incarceration. We operate 18 programs for women, men and youth (diversion programs) throughout the County, a 25-bed shelter that is both a Federal and Provincial halfway house, and a homeless shelter for Simcoe County women - as well as healthy relationship programs for men and women, creating self-awareness and positive change.

We need people who understand that persons who are criminalized, living with mental health issues, marginalized, institutionalized, and in conflict with the law, need strong advocates.

This is an opportunity to help make positive change in people's lives, and the community. If you feel you have skills, and a desire to serve that can constructively assist a non-profit organization and the people it serves, then the Elizabeth Fry Society of Simcoe County might be the place for your passion and expertise. The commitment is approximately 4 to 8 hours per month, which includes a monthly board meeting, a commitment to sit on a committee, and a willingness to use your skills to assist the agency. Attendance at events may also be required.

Interested? Please email Tracy Wood at ***tracyw@elizabethfrysociety.com*** or call 705-725-0163 ext. 227

If joining the Board isn't for you, there are other ways to help. We have a number of capital needs, so if you have fundraising and proposal-writing experience, you may be interested in our fundraising committee. We also rely on the generosity of the community for donations, to ensure that women in need are able to stay in our shelter. You can donate by visiting ***http://elizabethfrysociety.com***

Tracy Wood, Acting Executive Director

Police Services Board meets

The BWG-Innisfil Police Services Board meets Monday, April 14, 7 p.m. at the Innisfil Town Hall, 2101 Innisfil Beach Rd. and will feature a 20 minute presentation on "Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement." The public is welcome to attend.

Probus Club II meets

Bradford has not one but 2 PROBUS Clubs - social clubs for retired and semi-retired PROfessional and BUSiness people. The clubs meet monthly, to hear interesting speakers, enjoy coffee and treats, and plan outings and social events.

The 2nd Bradford PROBUS Club meets Wednesday, April 16 at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2040 - 10 Sideroad in Bradford, from 10 a.m. to noon. Guest speaker is Albert Wierenga, discussing the preservation of Snow Leopards in Siberia. New members welcomed. For information, call Jill Sanderson, 705-290-0099 or Joanne MacLeod, 905-551-0942.

Churchill Spring Auction

Churchill United Church in Churchill, Innisfil, hosts a fundraising Live Auction to Welcome Back the Spring on Saturday, April 12. Live auction of all-new items, including tickets to the Hockey Hall of Fame, a Stihl chainsaw, Weekend at Wasaga Beach, cordless drill, gift cards and more. Preview at 1 p.m., Live Auction with auctioneer Shawn Gannaw begins at 1:30 p.m. Light snacks and refreshments will be available. For details contact Melissa Rutledge at 705-456-5677. All welcome.

BUC Treasure Sale

Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford, is holding another Treasures Sale at the Church on Saturday, April 12, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Drop in to discover the treasures - and make them your own, by donation. A fundraiser for the church. For information, call 905-775-7268.

Ham & Scalloped dinner

Ham & Scalloped Potato dinner at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 10 Sideroad and 8th Line BWG, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 12. Gluten free desserts available on request! Cost is $14 for adults, $7 for children, free for tots under 5 - tickets available at the door. For info, call 905-775-7274.

Roast Beef Dinner

Trinity Anglican Church, 62 Church St. in Bradford, is holding a Roast Beef Dinner on Friday, April 25, $16 per person, $7 for children 10 & under for Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Turnips, Carrots, Peas, and Home-made pies for dessert, 5 to 6:30 p.m. For tickets, call Lorna, 905-775-8768 or Sheryl, 905-775-3134.

Declutter Luncheon

Bradford United Church women and Red Coats Moving Solutions host a Spring (Declutter) Luncheon on Saturday, April 26 at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. Doors open at noon, Luncheon is served at 12:30 p.m., and a guest speaker from Red Coats will talk about reducing, decluttering and re-organizing for Spring, following lunch. Tickets are $12 per person; call 905-775-7268.

Lenten Dinner in Bond Head

St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church (Byzantine Rite) in Bond Head held a Lenten Supper, of Fish and Chips, coleslaw, salads and dessert, Sunday, April 6 - and drew a good crowd. The dinner was open to the community.

Danube Srs. Centre

The Danube Centre is located at 715 Simcoe Rd., south of Bradford. For information on programs and events, call 905-775-0612.

Coming up:

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. **Birthday Luncheon** - Roast Pork Loin, Smashed Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, dessert, tea or coffee, only $8 for members, $9 for non-members. Thursday, April 17, at 11:30 a.m. Tickets at the door.

. **In Concert: Terry Chisholm** presents A Tribute to Elvis, Roy Orbison and The Legends of Rock 'N Roll on Saturday, May 10 at the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are only $15 per person, available at the Danube Centre, 905-775-0612. Free refreshments will be served during intermission.

Lakeside Retirement

Lakeside Retirement hosts its **Hippity Hoppity Bingo** night - Friday, April 11 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Refreshments, prizes and a jackpot! The community is invited to come out and play, at 985 Innisfil Beach Rd. in Alcona. Please RSVP to 705-431-8105.

Lakeside Retirement hosts its annual **Spring Bazaar** on Saturday, April 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tables are still available; contact Chanelle or Nadiya at 705-431-8105. Vendors will be selling a variety of items, from baked goods to jewellery, crafts, cards, and more!

Casual BDHS Reunion

Bradford District High School Grads and Alumni from the mid-1950s to the mid-60s are invited to attend the informal BDHS 1950s-60s Grad Reunion on **Saturday, April 26**, from 1 p.m. until early evening, at China Gardens Restaurant, 382 Holland St. West.

Free - except for what you eat and drink at the Restaurant; just bring your good memories, photos and clippings of the era, to share! For more information, call James Cooke, 519-881-1188; Bob Neilly at 905-898-6872; or Bill Williamson, 416-705-9581.

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- Tues. April 15 @ 7:00 p.m. - BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Zima Room

BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Police Services Board

- Mon. April 14 @ 7:00 p.m. – Community Room, Innisfil Town Hall, 2101 Innisfil Beach Rd

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- Thurs. April 17 @ 7:00 p.m. – Boardroom, BWG Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland St. W

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That his worship Mayor Doug White and Council Proclaim:
April 13, 2014 - Khalsa Day
Khalsa Day Flag Raising Sunday, April 13th at 11:00 a.m., BWG Court House Courtyard
April 14, 2014 - Daffodil Month

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is now accepting applications for the following positions:

Fire Prevention Inspector
2014-FP03

Volunteer Firefighter

Equipment Operator B
2014-E003

We are also seeking qualified Fitness Instructors, Personal Trainers, Aquafit Instructors and a Triathlon Training Instructor.

A complete description of job duties, qualifications and application instructions for these positions can be found on the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury website at www.townofbwg.com under the *Employment Opportunities* section; or at the Towns Human Resources office as listed below.

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, Human Resources Department 100 Dissette St, Unit 4 Box 100, Bradford, Ontario L3Z 2A7
Fax: 905 775-8633 or email hr@townofbwg.com

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those being considered for an interview will be contacted. In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, and will only be used for candidate selection.

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is an equal opportunity employer. Accommodation will be provided in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code.

NOTICES

TAKE NOTICE that the Administration Centre will be closed on **Friday, April 18, 2014 and Monday, April 21st** for Easter. The office will re-open on **Tuesday, April 22nd, 2014** at 8:30 a.m.

On behalf of the Mayor, Members of Council and Staff, we wish you and your family a happy and safe holiday

Town Wide Spring Flushing

Residents are advised that the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Water Division will be starting their town wide annual program of flushing water hydrants. Water will be run at every hydrant to ensure a clean and fresh water supply for our municipal water customers.

This program will run from April 14 to May 30, 2014. The flushing will take place during the day from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday.

We hope to undertake the work on an area-by-area basis, but as the work may affect adjacent areas, we ask all customers to be patient during this time.

Should you experience discoloured water, please flush your system in the laundry tub and bath room for up to 10 minutes. If the water doesn't clear, please call our office at 905-778-2055 between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday.

We thank all residents for their continuing assistance and cooperation.

COMPETITIVE BIDS

RFT #: T-14-26M
Request for Tender
For Supply, Haul & Apply Granular Materials
Closing: 2:00:00 pm April 17, 2014

Tender documents may be obtained by registering for this opportunity on-line on the Town's Website as follows:
www.townofbwg.com/twnsrv/purch/compbidopp

RFT#: T-14-10M
Request for Tender
For Emerald Ash Borer Treatment
Closing: 2:00:00 pm April 24, 2014

Tender documents may be obtained by registering for this opportunity on-line on the Town's Website as follows:
www.townofbwg.com/twnsrv/purch/compbidopp

NOTICES

Notice of Revisions to Draft Plan Approval of a Plan of Subdivision

Pursuant to Section 51(45) of the
Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended

Take notice that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury approved revisions to the conditions of draft plan approval for subdivision S-03-02, now known as S-10-06, Orsi/Dykie/297518 Ontario Ltd./Tiberian Investments, on the 1st day of April, 2014 under section 51 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended, in respect of lands located in Part of Lot 13, Concession 6. A key map showing the location of the lands is shown below.

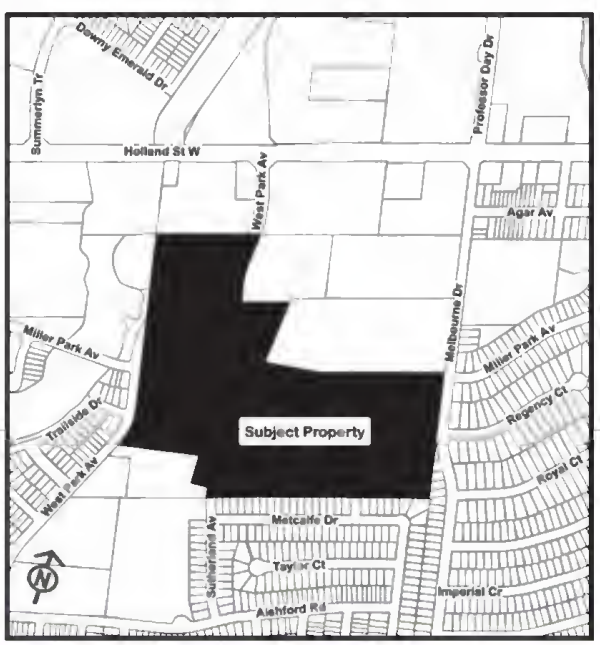
Council's decision, the proposed plan of subdivision and proposed changes to the conditions of approval are available for public inspection during regular office hours at the Planning & Development Services Office located at 3541 Line 11, Bradford West Gwillimbury.

Any person or public body may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of Council's decision by filing with Rebecca Murphy, Clerk, of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, 100 Dissette Street, Units 7 & 8, P.O. Box 100, Bradford, Ontario L3Z 2A7, **not later than the 30th day of April, 2014**, a notice of appeal which must set out the reasons for the appeal and must be accompanied by the OMB form and fee of $125.00 payable to the Minister of Finance.

The applicant or any public body may, at any time before the approval of the final plan of subdivision, appeal any of the conditions imposed by the Town to the Ontario Municipal Board by filing with the Town a notice of appeal.

Only individuals, corporations, or public bodies may appeal decisions in respect of a proposed plan of subdivision to the Ontario Municipal Board. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf. If you wish to appeal to the OMB, the appeal forms are available from the OMB website at www.omb.gov.on.ca.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal regarding any changed conditions imposed by the Council of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, unless the person or public body, before the Council of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury made its decision, made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to Council, or made a written request to be notified of the changes to the conditions.



Any questions regarding this notice should be directed to the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Planning & Development Services Department, P.O. Box 160, Bradford, Ontario, L3Z 2A8, telephone 905-775-5369, ext. 1404, facsimile 905-778-4343 or email at planninginfo@townofbwg.com.

Dated at the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury this 10th day of April, 2014.

Rebecca Murphy, Clerk

Notice of the Passing of a Zoning By-Law

Pursuant to Sections 34(18) and 36 of the
Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended

Take notice that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury passed By-law 2014-25 amending Zoning By-law 2010-050 on the 1st day of April, 2014 under sections 34 and 36 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended, in respect of lands located in Part of Lot 15, Concession 5 (Draft Plan of Subdivision S-10-02). A key map showing the location of the lands to which the by-law applies is attached.

The purpose of By-law 2014-25 is to rezone the subject lands from the Future Development "FD" and Environmental Protection "EP" Zones to the Residential One Exception Holding "R1-2*9(H6)", "R1-4*1(H6)", Residential Two Holding "R2-1(H6)", Residential Two Exception Holding "R2-2*5(H6)", "R2-2*6(H6)", Institutional Holding "I(H3)", Open Space "OS", and Environmental Protection "EP" Zones to permit the development of Draft Plan of Subdivision S-10-02 consisting of 414 residential units, 1 future residential block, 1 park block, 2 stormwater management blocks, 5 open space blocks, 2 woodlot/valley blocks, 1 elementary school block, 1 pumping station block, and 3 future development blocks. Maps 23 and 24 of Schedule 'B' to Zoning By-law 2010-050 will also be revised to coordinate with Plan S-10-02. The Holding (H) symbol shall be removed once Council is satisfied that the applicable terms of a Subdivision Agreement have been complied with. The complete by-law is available for public inspection during regular office hours at the Planning & Development Services office, 3541 Line 11, Bradford West Gwillimbury.

Any person or public body may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the By-law by filing with Rebecca Murphy, Clerk, of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, 100 Dissette Street, Units 7 & 8, P.O. Box 100, Bradford, Ontario, L3Z 2A7, **not later than the 30th day of April 2014**, a notice of appeal which must set out the reasons for the appeal and must be accompanied by the OMB form and fee of $125.00 payable to the Minister of Finance.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a zoning by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf. If you wish to appeal to the OMB, a copy of an appeal form is available from the OMB website www.omb.gov.on.ca.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the By-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury or, in the opinion of the Ontario Municipal Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

Any questions regarding this notice should be directed to the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Planning & Development Services Department, P.O. Box 160, Bradford, Ontario, L3Z 2A8, telephone 905-775-5369, ext. 1404, facsimile 905-778-4343 or email at planninginfo@townofbwg.com.

Dated at the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury this 10th day of April, 2014.

Rebecca Murphy, Clerk

NOTICES

Notice of Complete Application and Public Meeting
Pursuant to Sections 34(10.4) and 34(12) of the
Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended

Take notice that the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury has received the following application to amend Zoning By-law 2010-050:

Owner: **Janet Chu and Hon-Yip Lau**
Location: **39 John Street West, Part of Lots 11 and 12, Plan 122A**
File No.: **Z-14-04**

And take notice that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury will be holding a public meeting on **Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Zima Room of the BWG Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland Street West, Bradford,** to consider the proposed amendment. (Please note that there may be more than one public meeting and that the matter will be dealt with in the order that it appears on the agenda.)

The purpose and effect of the proposed amendment is to permit the use of a business office within the existing building on these lands. A key map showing the location of the lands is attached.

The purpose of the meeting is to inform the public of the nature of the proposal, invite public input, and answer questions regarding the proposed by-law.

Any person may attend the public meeting to make written or verbal representation in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law amendment. Written submissions regarding the proposal can be made to John McMulkin, Planning Services Assistant, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Planning & Development Services Office, 3541 Line 11, P.O. Box 160, Bradford, Ontario, L3Z 2A8, facsimile 905-778-4343, telephone 905-775-5369, ext. 1400 or email at jmcmulkin@townofbwg.com.

If you wish to be notified of Council's decision regarding the proposal, you must submit a written request to John McMulkin at the address shown in the paragraph above.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Additional information regarding the proposed Zoning By-law amendment is available for public inspection during regular office hours at the Planning & Development Services Office located at 3541 Line 11, Bradford West Gwillimbury.

Any questions regarding this notice should be directed to the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Planning & Development Services Department, telephone 905-775-5369, ext. 1400, facsimile 905-778-4343 or email at jmcmulkin@townofbwg.com.

Dated at the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury this 10th day of April, 2014.

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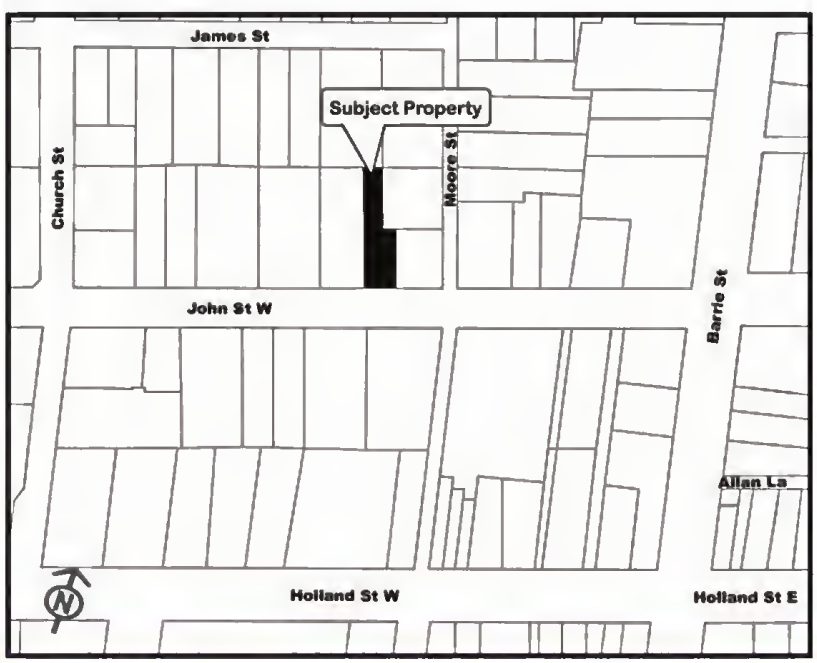

Notice of the Passing of a Zoning By-Law
Pursuant to Sections 34(18) and 36 of the
Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended

Take notice that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury passed By-law 2014-24 amending Zoning By-law 2010-050 on the 1st day of April, 2014 under sections 34 and 36 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended, in respect of lands located in Part of Lot 14, Concession 5 (Draft Plan of Subdivision S-10-01). A key map showing the location of the lands to which the by-law applies is attached.

The purpose of By-law 2014-24 is to rezone the subject lands from the Future Development "FD" Zone to the Residential One Exception Holding "R1-2*9(H6)", "R1-2*10(H6)", "R1-2*11(H6)", "R1-4*1(H6)", "R1-4*2(H6)", Residential Two Holding "R2-1(H6)", Residential Two Exception Holding "R2-1*7(H6)", "R2-2*5(H6)", Neighbourhood Commercial "C2", and Open Space "OS" Zones to permit the development of Draft Plan of Subdivision S-10-01 consisting of 504 residential units, 1 commercial block, 2 future development blocks, 1 park block, and 1 stormwater management block. Map 23 of Schedule 'B' to Zoning By-law 2010-050 will also be revised to coordinate with Plan S-10-01. The Holding (H) symbol shall be removed once Council is satisfied that the applicable terms of a Subdivision Agreement have been complied with. The complete by-law is available for public inspection during regular office hours at the Planning & Development Services office, 3541 Line 11, Bradford West Gwillimbury.

Any person or public body may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the By-law by filing with Rebecca Murphy, Clerk, of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, 100 Dissette Street, Units 7 & 8, P.O. Box 100, Bradford, Ontario, L3Z 2A7, **not later than the 30th day of April 2014,** a notice of appeal which must set out the reasons for the appeal and must be accompanied by the OMB form and fee of $125.00 payable to the Minister of Finance.

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No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the By-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury or, in the opinion of the Ontario Municipal Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

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Dated at the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury this 10th day of April, 2014.

Rebecca Murphy, Clerk

Grasses in the Garden

The Gilford & District Horticultural Society meets Monday, April 14 at the Churchill Community Centre, at 7:30 p.m. Guest Speaker is Karl Kohnen, owner of Black Forest Garden Centre in King City (see ***www.blackforestgardencentre.com***) on "Grasses in the Garden." All welcome.

Anniversary meeting

Bond Head & District Horticultural Society 39th Anniversary meeting, Thursday, April 24 at the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre, 715 Simcoe Rd. in Bradford, at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker is Randy Tumber, award-winning landscaper, on Naturalistic Design. All welcome.

Innisfil Historical Soc.

Innisfil Historical Society's next meeting, on Saturday, April 26, 2 p.m. at the Knock Schoolhouse Heritage Site (10 Sideroad and 9th Line Innisfil) will feature "Sitting Pretty: The History of the Toilet," with guest speaker Bev Dietrich. Dietrich, the curator of Guelph Museums, will explore the history of sanitation, the toilet, outhouses, toilet paper, chamber pots and public washrooms. All welcome!

Bazaars & Sales

Bradford Valley Long Term Care Centre, located at 2656 Line 6 BWG hosts a **Spring Fling Bazaar** on Saturday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All are welcome to drop in, and discover the items available from a great list of vendors.

Churchill United Church, in Churchill, Innisfil, is hosting a **Bake Sale**, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Crafts, Silent Auction, Plant Sale and Lunch Room. Note: Vendor Tables are available for only $20. Contact Vicky at 705-456-1562 for more information. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Gilford & District Horticultural Society holds its annual **Tailgate, Plant & Baked Good Sale & BBQ** at the South Innisfil Arboretum (20 Sideroad and Country Rd. 89/ Shoreacres Drive) on Saturday, May 31, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wanted: Vendors! Spaces are available for $20; table rentals are $5 each. Book now; call Lucy at 705-456-3747 and leave a message.

Square Dance!

Come out for a social evening of Square Dancing, at Bradford United Church on Saturday, May 3 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. No experience needed - caller Doug Holmes will be instructing in the classic Square Dancing steps! Tickets are $20 per couple, $10 per individual - a fundraiser for the United Church, located at 66 Barrie St. Light refreshments will be served, in this evening of fun.

Tickets available at the Church, 905-775-7268 - please purchase in advance.

Cookstown Heritage Conservation District

The Town of Innisfil now has its first Heritage Conservation District - encompassing a large portion of the village of Cookstown.

The By-laws approved in Innisfil Council on April 2 not only designate the HCD, but a smaller "Community Improvement Plan Area" that will be eligible for a suite of grants and incentives to support the preservation of the Village's built heritage.

But the designation was nearly delayed and deferred, when Innisfil's Deputy Mayor Dan Davidson put forward a motion calling for the Cookstown Heritage Conservation District "to be reconsidered."

His motion came after several impassioned statements in Open Forum from Cookstown residents opposed to the designation.

Angela Cristini, who has consistently opposed an HCD, called it an assault on property rights. "It seems everybody already had their decision made before," she said, claiming that the Town was ignoring "such a large number of people who are opposed. "We're not saying Heritage Designation is a bad thing, just that we'd like choice, and you're not giving us that choice."

"I don't feel that we really have been listened to," said Marg Hambly, noting that her family had invested "a great deal of money" in the downtown core of the village. "I really resent the fact that those rights are being taken from me."

Doug Brown, a Cookstown resident for 48 years, told Council, "Apparently you people can come along and tell us what we can do with our home... I'm here to voice my displeasure."

The Heritage Conservation District places restrictions on the exterior renovations of buildings identified as of significant historical, design or "contextual" value, in categories "A" and "B." Owners of buildings in those categories are required to follow guidelines, to preserve the character of their facades, and check with Town staff if exterior alterations are planned, obtaining a free Heritage Alteration Permit.

However, buildings not deemed of historical value, interior renovations, general maintenance and driveway repairs, and exterior alterations not visible from the street are all exempt from the controls.

The Cookstown Heritage Conservation District By-law was developed through more than a year of public meetings and consultation. Ward Councillor Lynn Dollin said that while she appreciated the "passionate comments" on both sides, "as HCDs go, this one is fairly mild" - with flexible standards. And she promised, once the HCD is in place, if there is any proof that it is hurting residents, "I will bring forward a motion to repeal this."

Davidson's motion to defer or refer was defeated. "There's been extensive work done. It's not that we're pushing this through. We've already seen the bulldozers push through," said Councillor Rod Boynton, urging action to preserve heritage. Innisfil voted 5-2 in favour of designation.

The Town had budgeted $40,000 in 2010 for the Cookstown Heritage Conservation District Study with consultants MMM Group. In 2013, the Town received a $29,9000 Creative Community Prosperity Fund Grant from the Province ot offset costs.

1837 Rebellion

The Ontario Historical Society, in partnership with the Tecumseth & West Gwillimbury Historical Society, will be presenting a workshop, on Saturday, May 10 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute Hall in Newton Robinson: **The 1837 Rebellion Remembered.**

Presenters Dr. John Carter, Dorothy Duncan, Chris Raible and Darryl Withrow will each bring new insights into this pivotal event in the history of Upper Canada that took place 177 years ago. Cost for the day is $35, and will include 2 refreshment breaks, and a home-style luncheon prepared by the Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute. Please pre-register with the OHS by email, ***ohs@ontariohistoricalsociety.ca*** or call 416-226-9011 or 1-866-955-2755.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. on May 10. Presentation topics are:

. ***Mackenzie's Rebellion - Memories and Myths*** - Chris Raible.

. ***The Roots and Fruits of Discontent: Rebels at the Table 1837-38*** - Dorothy Duncan.

. ***The Prisoners' Boxes of the 1837 Rebellion*** - Darryl Withrow

. ***The Upper Canada Rebellion and its Aftermath***- Dr. John Carter

Bird-Watching at Scanlon

The Friends of Scanlon Creek are hosting Birdwatching Workshops, on Saturday, April 26 and Saturday, May 24. Ken Vogan will provide an **Introduction to Birdwatching** at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area. Learn the basics about local birds, try out binoculars and various bird books, check out new Smartphone Apps - and take a walk with an experienced Birder!

Walks will take place from 7:30 to 8:45 a.m.; Talks, featuring slide shows, books, and smartphone apps, takesplace from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Nature Centre (entrance on Line 9 BWG). Come for the Walk, the Talk, or both - entrance fee is $10 per vehicle, or free with a Scanlon Creek Annual Pass. Please RSVP to Wanda Black at ***w.black@lsrca.on.ca*** or call 905-895-1281 ext. 222.

March's Carrier of the Month goes to... Alex and Annalia Fraser!

Congratulations to Alex and Annalia!

You've both have been doing a stellar job and it paid off! Keep up the good work!

If your Bradford Times carrier is doing a good job of getting our paper to your door please let us know. They may be carrier of the month for April!

Call: 905-775-4471 Ext. 224
Email: della.whitlam@sunmedia.ca
Mail: Bradford Times, Box 1570, 74 John St. W., Bradford, ON L3Z 2B8

The Bradford Times

Yard Waste collection begins

The County of Simcoe implemented major changes to its waste collection one year ago, on April 1, 2013 - signing a contract with Progressive Waste Services.

The County has announced that it recorded savings of $2.6 million after the first year of operation, even while curbside collection expanded to more areas of the County.

Environmentally, Progressive's fleet of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) collection trucks produces 75% less carbon monoxide, 49% less nitrogen oxides and 95% fewer particulates than the old diesel-fuelled fleet.

Diversion rates have also gone up, and the standardized service to commercial locations - which includes collection of up to 6 green bins per week - has had a positive impact, the County says.

The new Yard Waste collection season began on April 7, with 4 Spring Collection dates taking place every 2 weeks. That means that the final Yard Waste Collection of the Spring will take place the week of May 30 - this year, picking up waste set out after the "May 24" long weekend, the traditional start of gardening season in Ontario.

Last year, gardeners were shocked to discover that brush and clippings set out after the long weekend would not be collected until the fall.

Director of Solid Waste Management Rob McCullough said the contractor was sticking with the April 7 start date, although much of Simcoe County was still snow-covered - largely because the schedule has already been printed and publicized.

However, a report will be coming to County Council, asking if Councillors wish to defer the start of yard waste collection by at least 2 weeks, in future, acknowledging that this is the second year in a row that there has been a "late" spring. Council will also be asked to consider at least one additional yard waste pick-up, during the summer - at an additional cost.

The idea, McCullough said, is to keep to the printed schedule this year, "and fix it for the future."

South Simcoe Streams Network needs Volunteers

Want to make a difference? The South Simcoe Streams Network is sending out a call for volunteers, to participate in Trees for Streams Work Party Days - planting native trees and shrubs along local streams and rivers.

Scheduled Work Days this Spring include:

. April 26 - Adjala -Tosorontio, 9 a.m. to noon.
. May 3 - New Tecumseth, 9 a.m. to noon.
. Sunday, May 4 - Innisfil, 9 a.m. to noon.
. May 24 - Essa Twp., 9 a.m. to noon.
. **Saturday, June 14 in Bradford West Gwillimbury, from 9 a.m. to noon**.

Register as an individual or a group for a tree planting event. RSVP to Silvia Pedrazzi at silvia@nottawasaga.com or call 705-435-1540. Each day will include an orientation session, and refreshments. Note: High School students are welcome to participate, and earn their Community Hours.

The tree-planting is made possible in part with support from the Government of Ontario, and Ontario Trillium Foundation.

Bradford West Gwillimbury Community Clean-Up Day

BWG's Community Clean-Up Day is set for Saturday, April 12, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Once again, volunteers will be heading out into the community, armed with garbage bags, reflective vests and gloves (provided by the Town) to pick up the litter along roads, in ditches and in parks. Volunteers are asked to sign up by contacting Leisure Services, at 905-775-5359 ext. 5102, or email ***events@townofbwg.com*** by Friday, April 11 - and meet at the old Bradford Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Rd., at 9 a.m. on April 12th, to be bused to the locations chosen for clean-up. Buses leave the Centre at 9:10 a.m. - and return shortly before noon, for a free pizza lunch provided by the Town. Students - get high school Community Service Hours for participating!

Good Friday and Easter Monday Collection

COUNTY OF SIMCOE
For the Greater Good

There will be **NO CHANGE** to your garbage, organics, and recycling collection day. Have materials at the curb by 7 a.m. on your regular day to ensure collection.

WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES HOURS

All County waste management facilities will be **CLOSED** Friday, April 18 and Monday, April 21.
(Site 8 Matchedash will be open on Monday, April 21)

Does not apply to residents of Barrie and Orillia

For more information:
County of Simcoe Customer Service
1-800-263-3199

South Simcoe Streams Network builds partnerships

Story and photos by Miriam King, Bradford Times

Education partners are thanked by the South Simcoe Streams Network, April 3, at the Aqua Boost Partner and Community Stream Champs Celebration.

South Simcoe Streams Network has been restoring natural habitat, planting trees and building partnerships, since it received its first Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant in 2008.

The Network has expanded from its original base in New Tecumseth, to carry out streambank restoration and other environmental projects in every South Simcoe municipality, including Essa Twp., Innisfil, Bradford West Gwillimbury, and Adjala-Tosorontio, with the help of a wide range of community partners.

On April 3, the South Simcoe Stream Network recognized those projects and partnerships, at an "Aqua Boost Partner & Community Stream Champs" Celebration, held at Nantyr Shores Secondary School in Innisfil.

The evening included displays by schools, scouts, Conservation Authorities and local "green" businesses, as well as the presentation of Certificates of Appreciation.

Thousands of volunteers have been involved over the years; on Thursday night, approximately 100 volunteers received recognition, to take back to their groups, businesses and organizations.

"We're a grassroots non-profit organization that's largely volunteer-based," said John Herring, emcee for the evening. "There's quite a wide diversity of of projects we've been involved with... Quite a few projects, involving quite a few people.

"It's making a difference in water health."

The South Simcoe Streams Network presented certificates to nearly 100 different organizations, dividing them into categories:

. **Business and Industry** - including the media.
. **Service clubs.**
. **Government agencies** - "Government agencies are very important for the work we do. We need to make sure we're doing the right thing. They provide a lot of technical expertise."
. **Landowners and Not-for-profit groups**, such as Essa Healthy Communities, and Nottawasaga Futures.
. **Education partners**, including both the Simcoe County District School Board and Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board, and individual schools.
. **Youth clubs and service organizations**, e.g. Cadets, Scouts and Guides.

"This is important work we're doing here, and it's really appreciated," Herring said at the end of the evening, which included refreshments prepared by Hospitality Students at Nantyr Shores Secondary School.

"This is collaborative. That's why you're all here," said Silvia Pedrazzi, Environmental Liaison Officer for Nottawasaga Futures. "It's partnerships."

For more information, contact ***silvia@nottawasaga.com*** or call 705-435-1540.

Andee Pelan of the LSRCA demonstrates how vegetation can block pollution from spreading in a watershed - "like sponges."

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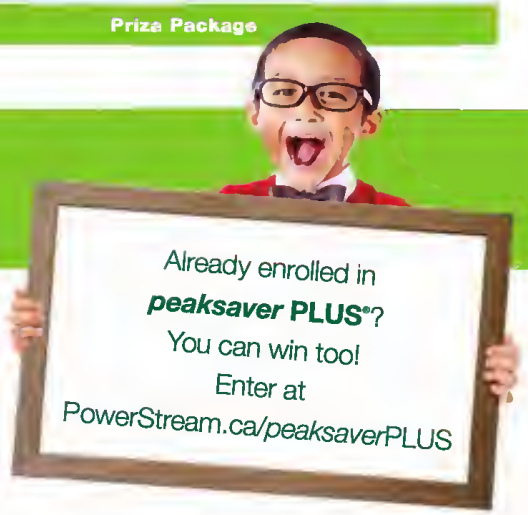

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Focus on Business

Wrapping up Bradfordlicious

Miriam King, Bradford Times

From left, Bradfordlicious organizer Rick Brooks congratulates 2014 winners - Best Restaurant- Charlotte Stamcos, for 1812 Grillhouse; Best Chef - Maria Silva, of Lusitano; Best Customer Service - Noe Martinez of La MexiCanada, as Mayor Doug White looks on, at Don Cherry's Sports Grill.

Bradford's very first Bradfordlicious event was a success - 15 participating restaurants, serving up 2,000 specially-priced 3-course meals from a Bradfordlicious menu during the month of February.

The month-long event had two goals: to promote Bradford restaurants, during a notoriously slow time of year, and to raise money for Joey Mazzucco's Fedora Foundation. One dollar from every $20 meal sold was earmarked for the Foundation, founded by young cancer survivor Joey Mazzucco. The Fedora Foundation raises money to purchase iPads for kids undergoing treatment for cancer - providing connectivity, creativity, comfort and cheer to young cancer patients.

Bradfordlicious was the brainchild of Rick Brooks, the promoter who also created Bradford's Ribfest. The event wrapped up with a fundraising dinner and Awards Night at Don Cherry's Sports Grill, on April 6 - an evening that included a buffet dinner, door prizes, live entertainment by Ben Crosby and recording artist Joee, and the interactive magic act of Tony Martini, with all of the proceeds going to the Fedora Foundation.

Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Doug White attended with his family. "Joey, you're my hero, Brother," he told the young fundraiser. "You took a real tough situation, and you made gold out of it. You've helped a lot of kids... We're here for a great cause - to help kids going through a tough time." White also thanked organizer Brooks for his promotion of the Town,and local businesses.

"Restaurants were busier than ever, and received an overwhelming number of great reviews," Brooks noted, announcing the Bradfordlicious "People's Choice" Awards:

2014 Customer Service Award - La MexiCanada Restaurant.

2014 Top Chef Award - Lusitano Restaurant.

2014 Best Restaurant - 1812 Grillhouse, located on County Rd. 27 in the hamlet of Dunkerron. "We're very proud to win this award," said Owner Charlotte Stamcos. "Bradfordlicious brought us so many wonderful people from Bradford."

"Bradfordlicious was really a special celebration," Brooks said - and to wrap up a special evening, Joey Mazzucco and his Foundation presented a brand-new iPad to young cancer patient, 7 year old Ethan.

Above, Joee sings with friends. Below, Joey Mazzucco, right, shows Ethan a magic trick under the watchful eye of magician Tony Martini, at Don Cherry's Sports Grill, on April 6.

Photos and story by Miriam King, Bradford Times

Above, cutting the Birthday ribbon, at Genesis Gymnastics - owner Donna Katz is joined by staff, MP Peter Van Loan, Mayor Doug White, Councillors Gary Lamb, Raj Sandhu and Carl Hordyk, and a whole bunch of kids, April 6. Below, Mayor White tries out the rings, at Genesis Gymnastics' 1st Birthday.

A Birthday for Genesis Gymnastics

Genesis Gymnastics has become a popular venue for children's birthday parties - providing exciting instruction in gymnastics, fun on the trampoline and other top-notch equipment, and a party room, where kids can be served their cake and treats.

On April 5, Genesis Gymnastics celebrated its own birthday, marking its first anniversary.

"It's been amazing - I can't believe it's been a year," said owner Donna Katz, who has turned a life-long passion for competitive gymnastics into a thriving business, providing instruction for kids of all ages, from 18 months, in a Parents and Tots program, and up.

Among those attending the anniversary and tendering their congratulations was MP for York-Simcoe, Peter Van Loan. "It's a very big deal," said the MP. "A lot of small businesses start; not all of them make it." He assured Katz, "It gets better from here on in."

"You had a vision," said Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Doug White - to give kids "an opportunity to get fit, commit themselves to something, and have fun."

The Mayor had fun at the 6500 sq. ft. facility, as he tried out the rings, balance beam, and the foam pit, before he and Councillors Gary Lamb, Carl Hordyk and Raj Sandhu helped Katz and her staff cut a ribbon, and serve up "Birthday" cake.

Katz isn't resting on her laurels. As part of a 5-year plan, she's looking to the future - planning the installation of an 18' rock climbing wall, and the transformation of an empty mezzanine space into a viewing gallery and party room.

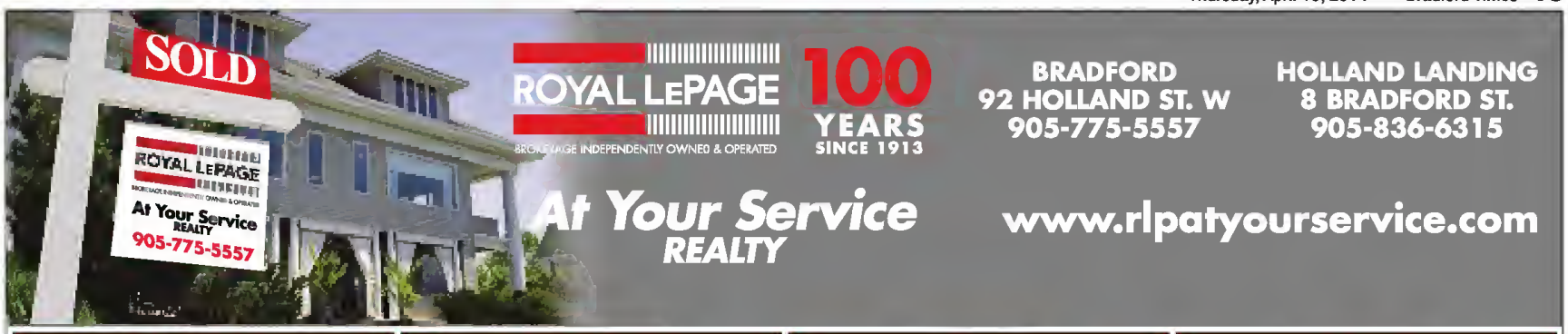
Genesis Gymnastics is located at 401 Dissette St. in Bradford; for more information see ***www.genesisgymnastics.ca*** or call 905-775-GYM1 (4961).

Town & Country Living Show

The Bradford Board of Trade's Town & Country Living Show returns to the Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Rd., on Saturday, April 26th - one day only! Admission is free for this premier home and trade show, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Meet your local MP and MPP, check out last minute tax advice, beauty tips, landscaping and home reno ideas, do-it-yourself, travel, and healthy eating. There is a Children's activity area, and a great indoor café - and great door prizes to be won.

For more information, see ***www.bradfordboardoftrade.com***

Note: Admission is free, but donations of non-perishable food for the local Helping Hand Food Bank will be greatly appreciated.



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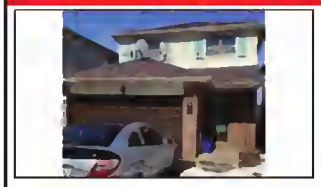

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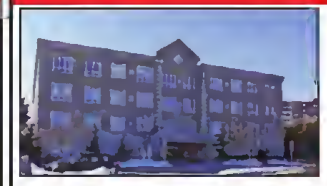

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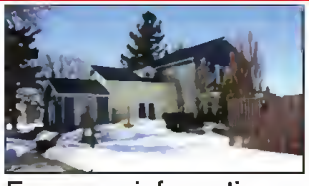

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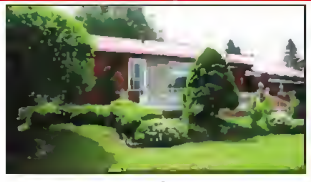

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More Shaving for the Brave

Far left - Shave for the Brave at W.H. Day. Above, mom Karen Sherman with daughter Krista, son Jace, and Owen - all shavers. Left, John gets a hug from dad Michael, for shaving. Below, Kaleb shaved his head for his Granny, Gwen, who watched.

W.H. Day Elementary School in Bradford held its very first "Shave for the Brave" event on April 4 - a fundraiser for Young Adult Cancer Canada, which provides programs and support to young adults between the ages of 18 and 39 who have been diagnosed with cancer.

Inspired by another Bradford school, Fred C. Cook Public School, over 42 shavers - from a little girl in Kindergarten to Grade 8s - either cut 10" of their hair or shaved their heads bald, to raise money and show their support for YACC. For some, it was a family affair, with siblings and even parents getting shaved on the same stage by local stylists who volunteered their time.

After all, while it's a brave thing to shave off your hair, it's nothing compared to the bravery of young adults who face a diagnosis of cancer.

Actor and emcee, Peter Laneas, has first-hand knowledge of the challenges. A two-time cancer survivor, Laneas explained that Young Adult Cancer Canada provides young adults with unique opportunities to network, participate in conferences and retreats, and receive support when they are most vulnerable, and alone. YACC provides opportunities for young adult cancer patients to meet others "having the same feelings, not knowing where to go" - and make lifelong friends.

"What you're doing today helps make that happen," Laneas said. "You guys are awesome!"

The school had set a fundraising goal of $10,000 - but raised $14,500 by Shave Day, making W.H. Day the #2 School in all of Canada. At least 5 students raised over $1,000 each; 7-year-old Bryn was the top fundraiser, collecting $1,600.

Thanks went to volunteer stylists Chazz from Serendipity, Adriana from Adriana's Hair Salon, Amy from Ooh-La-La, Jennifer from The Hair Co. Academy, Christine and Jeanna from Great Clips, and Hultha from Agape Hair Salon.

The effort continues: On April 11, Cookstown Central Public School will also host Shave for the Brave. For information see ***www.youngadultcancer.ca*** or ***www.shaveforthebrave.ca***

Vita & Stephanie Cut-athon for Cochlear implants

On May 4, Mary & Vita's Hair Design will be opening their doors for the 14th annual Vita & Stephanie Cut-athon, for the Cochlear Implant Unit at the Hospital for Sick Children.

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., residents are invited to drop by and get a haircut for a donation, and enjoy the BBQ, Bake Sale and other fundraisers planned, with all of the proceeds going to Sick Kids' Cochlear Implant Unit.

Mary Ingoglia launched the Cut-athon 14 years ago, as a way to honour the memory of her daughter Vita, and grand-daughter Stephanie. Little Stephanie had been born profoundly deaf, but received a cochlear implant - an electronic device that generates a sensation that the brain learns to interpret as sound - at the Toronto hospital. Not a hearing aid, an implant does not amplify sound, but bypasses the ear to directly stimulate the auditory nerve - creating a sensation that the recipient learns to interpret, and that can lead to better language interpretation, and communications.

Mary called it "The gift of hearing."

Cochlear implants have come a long way since those early days. Then, the implants were large, crude, and involved invasive surgery that, initially, was not covered under OHIP. Now, state-of-the-art implants are lighter and more sophisticated, and the Hospital for Sick Children is a leader in the field, performing bilateral implants using minimally-invasive techniques.

Drop by on May 4, at Mary & Vita's Hair Design, 118 Holland St. East to learn more.

Don't forget to buy a ticket for the Vita & Stephanie Cut-athon's Appreciation Raffle. First prize is a 32 Gigabyte Apple iPad; 2nd prize, a stay at Pawley's Island, South Carolina; and 3rd prize, a $300 prepaid VISA card.

For more information, or to make a donation, call 905-775-8775.

Rotary Celebration by the Lake

The Rotary Club of Innisfil holds its 2nd annual Celebration by the Lake Gala, on Saturday, April 19, at the Kempenfelt Conference Centre, 3722 Fairway Rd. in Innisfil. The evening will include dining, dancing, Live and Silent auctions, prizes - and the presentation of Innisfil's Unsung Heroes awards to two residents, an adult and a Youth, who best exemplify the Rotary motto of "Service above Self."

There is a special item up for bids: two tickets to hear astronaut Chris Hadfield speak at Georgian College, and a copy of his book.

For more information, sponsorship or tickets, contact Anne Kell, ***ankeipl@gmail.com*** or 705-456-3528, Susan Gilchrist at ***asgilchrist@sympatico.ca*** or visit the Rotary Club of Innisfil on Facebook.

Charity BBQ for Jumpstart

The Canadian Grill opened in the parking lot of the Canadian Tire Store in Bradford, 430 Holland St. West, one year ago. The food truck has become a favourite with residents, serving up mild and hot sausages, fries, poutine, real pulled pork and more.

Owner Chris Meerburg has been working on a way to "give back" to the community - and on Saturday, April 12, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., he will be hosting his first Charity BBQ event. Proceeds will go to the Canadian Tire "Jumpstart" Program - a national charity dedicated to helping kids "get in the game," by covering costs of registration, equipment, and transportation for children facing financial challenges.

Not only is Meerburg donating the proceeds of his sales, Canadian Tire Store owner Kenn Voss has promised to match the donation, dollar for dollar.

All are welcome - rain or shine.

Friends of We Care charity golf

On June 5, Brent Morning and friends will be launching the inaugural Friends of We Care Charity Golf Challenge, at Cardinal GC's Kettle Creek Executive Course.

It's a day of inexpensive fun and fundraising to benefit Friends of We Care, an organization that, for over 31 years, has been raising money to send kids with disabilities to camp.

Cost to play is only $78.50 per person, which includes golf balls and a buffet lunch on the patio. Golfers are wanted, as well as $100 hole sponsors. For an invitation and online registration link, please email ***charitygolfchallenge@gmail.com*** Register by April 25 to qualify for an Early Bird Draw, for a gift certificate from the Arbour Pub & Grill.

For more information on Friends of We Care, see ***www.friendsofwecare.org*** For more information on the Friends of We are Charity Golf Challenge, or to donate a prize or auction item, contact Brent Morning at 905-841-5735.

Zumba for Autism

Cathy McLean of Zumba in da House, and Nicole Kim - the mother of a child with Autism - are combining forces to organize Bradford's first annual Zumba for Autism event, Saturday, April 26 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Bradford Alliance Church.

Enjoy a lively and fun-filled afternoon of prizes, raffles, Silent Auction, refreshments and Zumba, with 100% of proceeds going to Kerry's Place Autism Services. Tickets are $15 in advance, for those 12 and older, or $20 at the door, 752 Simcoe Road. For tickets contact Cathy McLean at 647-219-0321 or Nicole Kim at 905-252-6942.

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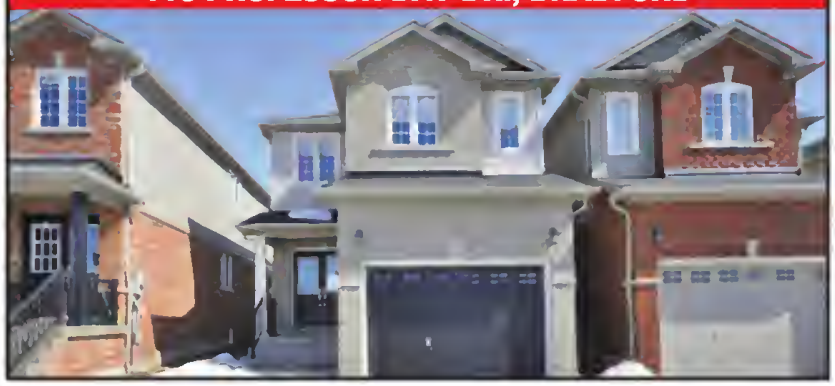

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MEETINGS

AL-ANON: Meets Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Holy Martyrs of Japan Church basement, 167 Essa St. in Bradford. For information, www.al-anon.alateen.org, wso@al-anon.org or call 1-888-4AL-ANON.

SPEAK FOR SUCCESS TOASTMASTERS: Toastmasters meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Tues. of each month upstairs at the new BWG Leisure Centre. 7-9 p.m. For information see www.speakforsuccess.org All welcome.

WEEKLY BINGO: Innisfil Lions Club host a weekly Bingo, Mondays. 5 p.m. doors open, 6:45 p.m. Bingo begins, at the Lions Hall on Innisfil Beach Rd., Alcona. Refreshments available. For info, call 705-436-1826.

HELP FOR IMMIGRANTS: Bradford Immigrant & Community Services (BICS) located at 11 Holland St. East offers English Language Classes for Newcomers to Canada, Settlement Assistance, Translation and Interpretation services, Information and referral, advocacy and more. 905-775-3343 or see www.bradfordimmigrant.com

BWG COMMUNITY MEAL: BWG Community Initiatives hosts a hot meal at 5:30 p.m. every Friday evening, at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford. All welcome - doors open at 5 p.m. Free.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP: Meets at CHATS (Community & Home Assistance To Seniors), 448 Holland St. West in Bradford,on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month, at 10 a.m. An opportunity to get out, meet other caregivers, share stories and strategies, and find new ways to cope. Free, but register by calling Marc, 1-866-677-9048 ext. 6226 or email MTerrance@chats.on.ca

THURS., APR. 10

THORNTON OLDE TYME FIDDLE DANCE: Dance, at the Thornton Arena (in the upstairs banquet hall), 7 p.m. - just off County Rd. 27 in the hamlet of Thornton. All welcome.

SAT., APR. 12

BWG COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY: Help clean up the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury! Sign up to help pick up litter, from 9 a.m. to noon. Register with Leisure Services, 905-775-5359 ext.5102 or email events@townofbwg.com by Friday, April 11. Meet at the Bradford Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Rd. by 9 a.m., buses will leave for the clean up sites at 9:10 a.m. - and return for a free pizza lunch!

SIMCOE COUNTY BRANCH OGS: The Ontario Genealogical Society Simcoe County Branch meets at 2 p.m. at the Church of the LDS, 79 Ferris Lane in Barrie. Topic is Cemetery Transcriptions in Simcoe County, with John Wright.

BARRIE BALLROOM DANCE CLUB'S SPRING DANCE: Spring Dance at the ANAF Hall, 7 George St. in Barrie. Tickets at the door - $13 members, $19 guests. Includes free Line Dancing lesson at 7:30 p.m., regular dance 8 p.m. to midnight, and a substantial late night "snack." For info, call Wendy at 705-721-0990 or see www.bbdc.ca

HAM & SCALLOPED DINNER: At St. John's Presbyterian Church, 10 SR and 8th Line BWG, 4:30 to 7 p.m. Only $14 for adults, $7 for children, free for tots under 5. Gluten-free desserts available on request. Tickets at the door. For information, call 905-775-7274.

TREASURE SALE: At Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St., 8 to 11 a.m. Come and make these donated treasures, from shelves, cupboards, closets and garages, your own. By donation. To contribute call 905-775-7268.

LIVE AUCTION AT CHURCHILL UNITED CHURCH: Welcome the spring with a Live Auction of new items - including Leafs tickets, a weekend at Wasaga Beach, Stihl chainsaw, cordless drill, gift cards and more. 1 p.m. preview, 1:30 p.m. Auction with Shawn Gannaw, Touch of Class. Refreshments will be available. For info or to donate an item to the auction contact Melissa at marutledge84@gmail.com or 705-456-5677.

FUNDRAISER FOR CANADIAN TIRE JUMPSTART: Charity BBQ at The Canadian Grill, 430 Holland St. W. (parking lot of Canadian Tire in Bradford). Rain or shine. Proceeds will go to the Jumpstart program - and will be matched by Kenn Voss , owner of Canadian Tire Store. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SUN., APR. 13

KHALSA DAY FLAG-RAISING: Join the Sikh Community in raising the Khalsa flag at the Bradford Courthouse, at 11 a.m. All Welcome.

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION: At St. Peter's Anglican Church in Churchill, Innisfil. Procession with banners and palms starts at 9 a.m. at the Churchill Public Library, and proceeds to the Church for 9:15 service. All are welcome to walk, or simply watch. For information call 705-436-9769.

MON., APR. 14

GILFORD & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETS: At the Churchill Community Centre in Churchill, Innisfil, 7:30 p.m. Guest Speaker is Karl Kohnen, owner of Black Forest Garden Centre in King City, on "Grasses in the Garden." All welcome. Refreshments.

TUES., APR. 15

ALZHEIMER CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP: Meets at CHATS (Community & Home Assistance To Seniors) at 448 Holland St. West, at 10 a.m. Family and friends caring for a person with Alzheimer's or a related dementia can connect and share coping strategies. For more information, call 705-722-1066.

CHILDREN'S AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR HOLY WEEK: At Trinity Anglican Church in Bradford, 4 to 6 p.m. on April 15 and 16. Prepare Eggs on Tuesday, Plant an Easter Garden on Weds. Includes Snack, games, crafts and supper for the children, both days. Pre-register by calling 905-775-2200.

BWG WRITERS' CIRCLE: Meets at the Bradford Public Library, 7 to 9 p.m. to share ideas. All writers welcomed.

THURS., APR. 17

PROSTATE CANCER CANADA NETWORK NEWMARKET SUPPORT GROUP: Meets at the Newmarket Srs. Meeting Place, 474 Davis Drive, with a meet & greet at 6:30 p.m., and meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. with speakers Dr. Fenkell and Dr. Cho, Radiation Oncologists at Southlake Regional Health Centre. For information call 905-895-1975 or see www.newmarketprostatecancer.com

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Easter at St. John's

Palm Sunday service (April 13th)
11:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday service (April 17th)
7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Pancake breakfast (April 18th)
9:00 a.m.

Good Friday service (April 18th)
10:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday service (April 20th)
11:00 a.m.

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You are also invited to wear your colourful Easter Bonnets!!

Celebrating Easter

Palm Sunday in Churchill

St. Peter's Anglican Church, located at 6254 Yonge St. is celebrating its annual Palm Sunday Procession on Sunday, April 13, starting at the Churchill Public Library at 9 a.m., with banners and palms, and proceeding to the church for 9:15 a.m. service. All are welcome to walk, or watch. For information, call 705-436-9769.

Palm Sunday in Bradford

Trinity Anglican Church in Bradford celebrates Palm Sunday, April 13 - Liturgy of the Palms at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Eucharist at both services; Procession of Palms at 10:30 .

From Lent to Holy Week

The final service in a series of Lenten Ecumenical Services, hosted by different churches in Bradford West Gwillimbury, will be taking place April 16. Six different churches have hosted different worship services every Wednesday, in their own style of worship - led by six different preachers, but not in their own churches! It has been a powerful and expressive way to demonstrate the work of Jesus Christ within the community.

Final service is Holy Week - Weds., April 16 at Trinity Anglican Church, 62 Church St. in Bradford, 7:30 p.m. Preacher - Rev. Richard Bodini. The Ministerial Association welcomes all to attend, and join in Lent's spiritual journey of contemplation on Jesus' sacrifice for mankind.

Children's Program

Children's After School program for Holy Week, at Trinity Anglican Church in Bradford, 4-6 p.m. on April 15 and 16 - Learning and Preparing for Good Friday and Easter. On Tuesday, kids will prepare eggs. On Wednesday, they will plant an Easter Garden. Program includes snack, games, crafts and supper for the children, both days. Pre-register by calling 905-775-2200.

At Trinity Anglican Church, April 16 - Choral Evensong, 7:30 p.m. April 17 - Maundy Thursday Eucharist with Ceremonial Washing of the Feet and Solemn Stripping of the Altar, 7:30 p.m. April 8 - Stations of the Cross, outdoors at 10 a.m. Solemn Liturgy in the church at 10:30 a.m. April 19 - Holy Saturday, The Great Vigil of Easter, The Service of Light - and the triumphant jubilation of Easter, 8 p.m. April 20 - Sunday of the Resurrection, with Choral Eucharist, 9 & 10:30 a.m.

In Search of Jesus

New Life Baptist Church, after a year of construction, is bringing back its special Easter presentation, "In Search of Jesus." Families are invited to come and walk in the footsteps of Jesus, experiencing the first Easter, on Good Friday, April 18. Tours are free and will run every hour on the hour from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. - indoors, in the new church building at 6881 Yonge St. in Innisfil (between the 6th and 7th Lines of Innisfil). Parking is available on the church property.

Experience the real meaning of Easter. For more information, see ***insearchofjesus.info***

Good Friday Pancakes!

The Thornton Lions host their annual Good Friday Pancake Breakfast, from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Thornton Lions Hall, on Friday, April 18. Enjoy pancakes, sausages and beverages for only $7 for adults, $4 for children under 12. All proceeds go to local community projects, and Lions International causes. All welcome.

Good Friday Egg Hunt

Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery on Yonge St., north of Bradford, will be hosting its annual Good Friday Easter Egg Hunt on Friday, April 18. Tots under 8 are welcome to bring a bag or basket, and hunt for chocolate eggs hidden by the Easter Bunny and his helpers, starting at 9 a.m. Meet the Easter Bunny, and enjoy the sights and scents of spring in the Greenhouses. Donations of non-perishable food for the local food bank are welcomed.

Eggs-citing fun!

The Elman W. Campbell Museum, 134 Main St. S. in Newmarket, Eggciting Easter afternoon, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 19. $5 per child; pre-register at 905-953-5314.

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A taste of Maple... Spring Tonic!

Catharine, 2, tries on Jr. Fire Chief hat, at Spring Tonic Maple Festival, Apr. 5.

There wasn't a whole lot of sap running at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation's sugar bush on Saturday, April 5. Sub-zero temperatures, an icy wind, even a few snowflakes put a bit of a chill on the first day of the Centre's annual Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival.

But for those who braved the weather, there was plenty to do, indoors and out. There were horse-drawn wagon rides around the pond, demonstrations by blacksmith Alan Bristow, and by War of 1812 Re-enactors with the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, and a chance to meet Fire and Police personnel.

Indoors at the John L. Jose Education Centre, kids could make crafts, and bandle the friendly creatures of Zoo to You.

And all could enjoy a hearty pancake and sausage breakfast, served with real maple syrup and live music by the Rotary Club of Barrie.

The late start to the season has resulted in the extension of the **Sugarbush Maple Syrup Festival** at Bruce's Mill Conservation Area, and the Kortright Centre for Conservation, through April 13. See ***www.maplesyrupfest.com***

HOLY WEEK and EASTER

April 13 – Palm Sunday. Holy Eucharist 9:00 & 10:30 am. Procession of Palms at 10:30 am.

April 14 & 15 – Monday & Tuesday in Holy Week, Holy Eucharist, 7:30 pm

April 16 – Wednesday in Holy Week, Choral Evensong, 7:30 pm

April 17 – Maundy Thursday - Holy Eucharist, Washing of Feet, Solemn Stripping of the Altar, 7:30 pm

April 18 – Good Friday - Stations of the Cross, outdoors, 10:00 am. Solemn Liturgy in the church, 10:30 am.

April 19 – Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, 8:00 pm

April 20 – Easter, Choral Eucharist 9:00 am and 10:30 am

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April Pools Day

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be available if disaster hits. And it's not just kids who should be wearing their PFDs, but adults as well.

In Ontario in 2013, 113 people lost their lives due to drowning - up from 105 in 2012. The biggest increase came in the 13-17 and 18-34 age groups. There has also been an increase in boating fatalities - 27 in 2013, up from 18 in 2012.

Photo: Kids wear properly-fitting life jackets, at the April Pools Day event in Bradford.

Kids swim for free, on Lions Day of Service

The motto of Lions Clubs is "We Serve" - and on Saturday, April 26, the Lions Clubs of District A-12, which stretches from Schomberg to Parry Sound, will be participating in a Lions Day of Service.

The Bradford & District Lions Club plans to host a Lions Day of Service "**Free Youth Swim.**" The Bradford Lions Aquatics Centre at the BWG Leisure Centre will be open for an afternoon of free swimming for elementary school children, from 1:15 to 3 p.m. on the 26th- funded by the local Lions.

"Genuine service to people in our communities is the foundation of what Lions Clubs do," says President Deb Hrynyk. "The Bradford Lions, along with Lions Clubs from across Ontario, are proud to be part of this event. The Lions members thank everyone who contributed to this important work. You are truly helping Lions make a difference in our community."

The Bradford Lions Club, which this year celebrates 77 years of community service, meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the Lions Activity Centre, 226 Colborne St. (in Lions Park).

For more information, or to get involved in the Bradford Lions Club, call 905-775-9170 or see ***Facebook.com/BradfordLions***

Ready for the Marsh Mash

The 36th Annual Marsh Mash Canoe and Kayak Races, sanctioned by OMCKRA (Ontario Marathon Canoe and Kayak Racing Association) will be taking place on Saturday, May 10 at Springdale Christian Reformed Church, 5 Sideroad and Canal Road in Bradford West Gwillimbury.

The Marsh Mash, which begins at 10 a.m. on the reconstructed Holland Marsh north canal, include both recreational and competition classes, in C1, C2, K1 and Outrigger, and is a World Team Qualifier for the ICF Canoe Marathon World Championship, for young kayakkers hoping to compete on the international level. Race distances range from 5K Junior races, to 24K marathons.

The Marsh Mash is a partnership between organizer Iain Craig and family, who have been running the Mash since the mid-1980s, and the BWG Leisure Services Department. Local businesses continue to support what is now the 4th-longest running Marathon Canoe Race in Ontario, providing prizes and donations.

For more information contact Joe Lotto, at ***jlotto@townofbwg.com*** or 905-775-5359 ext. 5102, or Iain Craig, 905-893-1323.

Interested in racing? Check out ***www.marshmash.ca*** and please attend the 9 a.m. Race Co-ordination meeting, on May 10 at Springdale church.

Walking the Spine Trail hike

The BWG Active Transportation Committee will be taking a hike - walking a portion of the "Spine" of Bradford, a series of trails that run north-south through valleylands and parks, connecting Aishford St. at the south end of Town to the boardwalk at Tiger Tail Crescent. The complete distance is about 2.8 km, although the Committee hopes to eventually extend the "Spine" north of the 8th Line.

The BWG Active Transportation Committee is inviting the community to join the "Walk the Spine" Trail Walk, on Saturday, May 3. Meet in front of the BWG Leisure Centre at 10 a.m. for a warm-up, led by a Fitness Instructor - followed by the hike, led by members of the Committee. The walk should take about an hour, an opportunity to learn more about Bradford's trail system, and about the Active Transportation Committee. Remember to dress for the weather.

For more information, contact Nick Warman, Manager of Recreation and Client Services, at 905-775-7529 ext. 8501 or ***nwarman@townofbwg.com***

Sonics U16B in BBall action

On Saturday, April 12, the South Simcoe Sonics U16 team will play IEM MMB Aurora, 7 p.m. at Sir Wm. Mulock Secondary School, 705 Columbus Way in Newmarket.

It is by way of a rematch; on April 5, IEM MMB Aurora defeated the Sonics U16 Boys at the Basketball Invitational Tournament in Orangeville, 57-49. It was a close match, and SSS is hoping to see a different outcome this Saturday. Come out and cheer on the team!

Final Turkey Shoot of the season

Beeton and Bond Head Lions Clubs host "Turkey Shoots" - target shooting to win a prize of a turkey or ham at the Vernon property (9th Line BWG and 5 Sideroad). 12 gauge only, and participants who have won 3 times at a shoot must retire their gun and withdraw from the rest of the shooting that day. For more information contact Bill at 705-458-4511.

The final Turkey Shoot of the 2013-14 season takes place Sunday, April 13, starting at 10 a.m.

Walking for M.S.

Submitted Photo

The team of Bradford resident, Patti Burns - Patti's Pit Crew - was the top fundraiser at last year's Mandarin MS Walk in Barrie. The 2014 Walk for MS takes place May 4.

Back in 1998, Patti Burns noticed something unusual.

"I was experiencing numbness in my right leg, and it wasn't going away," she says.

When the numbness spread, to her right arm and the right side of her face, her doctor sent her for an MRI. The result: Burns was diagnosed with Secondary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis.

Multiple Sclerosis is a progressive disease that attacks the myelin - the protective coating of the nerves of the central nervous system. The lesions produced can disrupt the signals sent from the brain, resulting in symptoms that range from weakness and dizziness, to cognitive impairment and inability to walk.

For the past 15 years, Patti has been a volunteer for the MS Society of Canada, working one day a week in the MSSC office in Barrie, helping others in Simcoe County diagnosed with the disease.

She has also been a participant in the annual Walk for MS. Joined by her husband John and a team made up of family and friends, "Patti's Pit Crew"

see **MS WALK Page 22**

Update: Campbell aims for FIFA U20 Women's World Cup

Former Bradford resident Ashley Campbell, now a Sophomore at University of Dayton in the U.S., hopes to continue her soccer career, and be chosen for Team Canada, for this summer's FIFA Under 20 Women's World Cup Canada, taking place in August.

She is one of 20 players selected to attend the Canadian U20 Women's Camp, being held in Portland, Oregon, April 1-11.

A midfielder with the Dayton Flyers, Campbell is a graduate of Holy Trinity Catholic High School, where she was twice chosen Most Valuable Player, and twice Athlete of the Year. Her Newmarket soccer team was the Ontario Cup Champion three times, and Campbell herself was a participant in the Canadian National Soccer Training camp.

Since attending the University of Dayton, Campbell has won numerous honours, including 2013 All-Atlantic 10 Offensive Player of the year, while helping her team win the Atlantic 10 regular season championships.

If chosen for the Canadian team, her first game will be against Ghana, in Toronto.

Localized flooding, dangerous ice conditions reported

Both the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority are warning of possible localized flooding this week - with temperatures expected to remain above freezing during the daytime hours, and more rain on the way.

The Authorities note that frozen ground, the snowpack remaining in some areas, and ice cover on rivers and lakes could contribute to localized flooding in low-lying areas. At the same time, dangerous conditions are expected to exist in area waterways - with fast-moving water, slippery banks, and water temperatures low enough to cause hypothermia within minutes. Residents are advised to keep children away from all watercourses.

Police are also issuing a warning that unsafe ice conditions may exist on area waterbodies - and open water has been seen on Lake Simcoe. Police advise anyone who ventures on the ice, to let others know where they are going and when they plan to return; take an ice auger to check ice thickness - and a cell phone, in case of emergencies. Flotation suits and ice picks are also recommended.

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My Sister's Place

We are currently searching for a **Public Relations/Fundraising Coordinator** to work on a full time basis for one year, as a member of our Management Team.

The qualifications required for this position include the following:

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- Excellent interpersonal, presentation and networking skills
- Ability to effectively work independently and in a team environment
- Strong problem solving skills
- Ability to take direction from, and work cooperatively within management systems
- Demonstrated ability to meet reporting requirements within set timelines
- Strong computer skills, including Microsoft Word, internet & social media familiarity and database systems reporting/ fundraising management software
- Understanding of the non-profit and social service sector
- Experience working with volunteers an asset

Salary for this position is $44,000 per year, plus benefits, for a 40 hour week.
For more information and a copy of the Job Description, please visit our website at www.mysistersplace.ca

To apply for this position, please forward a copy of your cover letter and resume (in confidence) via email to the attention of Deborah Herrington, Executive Director at pitmsp@mysistersplace.ca or via fax at 705-435-7721 by April 25, 2014.

We thank all applicants, but only those selected to be interviewed will be contacted.

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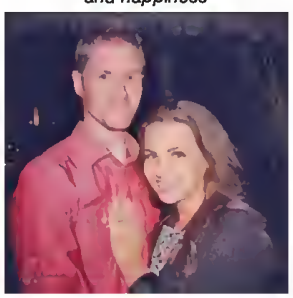

David & Karen Compton and Barry Bellamy (Janis Woodward) and Dawn Bellamy (David Graves) are pleased to announce the engagement of their children

Danna Lorraine
to
Matthew Ryan

The wedding will take place October 3rd, 2015

Obituaries

BOWLES, George Carl - Peacefully, passed away at Southlake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket on Wednesday, April 2, 2014. Carl Bowles of Bradford in his 85th year. Beloved son of the late William and the late Ethel Bowles. Loving brother of the late Keith (May) Bowles and Shirley Bowles. Dear uncle of Ian (Susan) Bowles and Julie Bowles. Dear great uncle of Jesse and Courtney Bowles. Friends called at **SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME,** Bradford for visitation. Funeral service was held at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Coulson's Hill on Saturday, April 5, 2014 at 11 a.m. Interment St. Paul's Cemetery, Coulson's Hill. In Carl's memory, donations may be made to the Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation or charity of your choice.

Obituaries

WEIR, Bill

Peacefully passed away at Southlake Regional Health Centre on Wednesday April 2nd, 2014 in his 82nd year.

Feel no guilt in laughtar, he'd know how much you care.
Feel no sorrow in a smile that he is not here to share.
You cannot grieve forever; he would not want you to.
He'd hope that you could carry on the way you always do.
So, talk about the good times and the way you showed you cared,
The days you spent together, all the happiness you shared.
Let memories surround you, a word someone may say
Will suddenly recapture a time, an hour, a day,
That brings him back as clearly as though he were still here,
And fills you with the feeling that he is always near.
For if you keep those moments, you will never be apart
And he will live forever locked safely within your heart.

Beloved Husband of Margo,
Father to Sonya & Vince,
Grandfather to Kealan & Karen

In Memoriams

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Your Passion
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Love - Dad, Deb, Melanie, Jason, Kaitlyn & Sarah

In Memoriams

In Loving Memory of Husband, Father & Poppa

Bill Patton
March 28, 1939 - April 12, 2012

The moment that you died
my heart was torn in two,
one side filled with heartache,
the other died with you.
I often lie awake at night,
when the world is fast asleep,
and take a walk down memory lane,
with tears upon my cheeks.
Remembering you is easy,
I do it every day,
but missing you is heartache
that never goes away.
I hold you tightly within my heart
And there you will remain.
Until the joyous day arrives,
that we will meet again.

For ever Loving You
Margaret & Family

Memories

ROBERT 'BOB' HAMBLY
April 15, 2011

Almost 3 years has been gone
We ran out of time...

Your smile, your laugh, how lovely to have such memories of you. You are never very far and always close at heart.
Love, Anne & the Hambly Family

Mandarin Walk for MS

MS WALK from Page 18

was the top fundraising team at last year's Walk in Barrie, raising over $16,000 to help find a cure for MS.

"I am hopeful, with all the research - and there is a lot of innovative research - that they are going to find a cause and a cure," she says. "It's just such a complex disease, that varies with each person."

Her MS was fairly stable until 2005. In 2011, she stopped working at Kodak Canada, after 23 years with the company. She still volunteers at the MSSC office in Barrie, and will be walking again in the 5K Mandarin MS Walk, taking place on May 4.

This year her "Pit Crew" will number about 25 official walkers, ranging in age from about 19, to 87 years old - her aunt, who is walking for the first time. Burns has a personal goal of $5,000. Donations to her campaign, and to Patti's Pit Crew can be made online at ***mssociety.ca*** - click on Ontario Division, Mandarin MS Walk and hit the "Donate" button.

Burns was recently recognized by the MS Society for her volunteerism, and her fundraising. She was awarded the MS Society of Canada 2013 Certificate of Exceptional Achievement Volunteer, for the Ontario and Nunavut Division.

Charity Walks & Runs

The **Nature's Emporium Run or Walk for Southlake Regional Health Centre** takes place Sunday, April 27 at the Aurora Community Centre, 1 Community Centre Lane. This is a community Run, supporting the Regional hospital, that offers a suitable distance for every participant - from the Kids' Mini Mile, 2.5K and 5K Runs/Walks, to the 10K Run. Registration begins at 7:30 p.m. on April 27, opening ceremonies at 8:30 a.m. The 10K Run begins at 9 a.m., 2.5/5K Run/Walk at 9:15 a.m. - and the Kids' Mini Mile at 10:15 a.m. Families and teams are welcomed - and once again, the Mayor's Challenge Cup will be presented to the municipal leader who signs up the most participants, and raises the most money. To register see r***unforsouthlake.ca***

The **Upper Canada Mall Easter Seals 10 Run and 5K Run and Walk** will take place Sunday, May 25, at Newmarket Riverwalk Commons. Nearly 1,000 enthusiastic supporters are expected to participate in a family-oriented run/walk on a flat, scenic course - raising funds for the Easter Seal Society and kids with disabilities. Easter Seals Ontario currently serves over 20,000 children and youth with a physical disability, helping them to achieve independence, acceptance and achievement, by funding needed equipment and assistive devices, providing special transportation, and providing a summer camping or recreational experience for kids.

The Easter Seals Walk founded by Joe Persechini will be celebrating its 38th Anniversary this year. See ***EasterSealsRun.com***

Dinner, Dancing to Conquer Cancer

Anthony Strong is an avid cyclist, and this year, he's gearing up to ride in the 2014 Enbridge Ride to Conquer Cancer, to support cancer patients and their families. The Ride is an epic 2-day, 200 km. ride from Toronto to Niagara Falls, taking place June 7 and 8, that benefits Princess Margaret Hospital's cancer research programs.

To help raise funds, Strong is hosting a Charity Dinner and Dance at the Portuguese Cultural Centre, 767 Simcoe Rd. in Bradford, on Saturday, April 19, 7 p.m. - featuring dinner, and live music by A Touch of Blue. Tickets are $25 per person, available at 905-960-7851, or at The Finest Wine Shoppe, 105 Holland St. E.,Bradford.

Donations are also welcomed, and can be made to The Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation, PO Box 3900, Stn. Don Mills, Toronto ON M3C 4C3, referencing Anthony Strong, Participant No. 583451-2.

Focus on Community

Autism Awareness

Story and photos by Miriam King, Bradford Times

Above, raising the Autism Awareness Flag at the Bradford Courthouse on April 2, World Autism Awareness Day. Below, Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Doug White shares his chain of office with a young friend

April 2 was World Autism Awareness Day, and over 300 municipalities across Ontario raised the Autism Awareness flag, at Town Halls and schools.

Bradford West Gwillimbury was one of the participating communities, thanks in large part to the efforts of Paul and Nicole Taylor.

The Taylors' 3 and a half year old son, Paul Jr., has been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder - and after initially retreating from society, his parents decided instead to use their own experiences to build awareness and understanding in the community, of the challenges faced by families struggling with the neurological disorder.

Those with Autism Spectrum Disorder may exhibit difficulty with language, problems with socialization, and repetitive behaviours. The incidence is on the rise - affecting an estimated 1 in 94 births in Canada, and and 1 in 68 in the U.S.

They approached the Town, Autism Ontario -Simcoe County Branch, friends, neighbours and family members, and on Wednesday helped raise the Autism Awareness flag at Bradford Courthouse.

"We started this event mainly because we wanted to raise awareness in our community. But the big, main, huge thing was the co-operation of our Town," said Nicole, as more than 50 people gathered to hear Mayor Doug White proclaim World Autism Awareness Day in Bradford. "I thank you so much for making this possible."

"This is something good for our Town to do," said Mayor White. "We all know people who are affected by this" - and no matter where on the Autism Spectrum their child stands, all parents "love their kids," he said.

It was more than just a flag-raising. Canadian Tire and Bradford Rental provided pop and bright blue helium -filled balloons, the official colour of Autism; and Crumbs Bakery provided free cupcakes.

Among those helping to raise the flag was South Simcoe Police Chief Rick Beazley. Not only are there parents with Autistic children within the policing community, he said, all of his front-line officers have now been trained in Autism Awareness.

The local Service is also looking at adding "Autism" to its Vulnerable Persons registry - since bolting and wandering are part of the disorder.

"A year ago, I had no idea myself," no understanding of how Autism can affect an individual's ability to cope, communicate or interact in an appropriate way, Chief Beazley said. Now, "We feel pretty confident that we've got the training."

MPP for York-Simcoe Julia Munro won a copy of Kevin Shackleton's book, Second to None, signed by the author.

Rooted in Community

The Bradford West Gwillimbury & District Community Foundation is building an endowment - a foundational pool of money, gathered through bequests, donations and fundraising - that will be available in the long term, to support community projects and charities.

The Rooted in Community event, Anatomy of Life Planning, held at the Bradford Public Library on March 31, was a fundraiser for the Community Foundation - and much more.

It was an opportunity to learn more about retirement and life planning with three qualified guest speakers - Tami Kitay, Senior Planner with the Town; Kevin Shackleton, author and investment advisor with RBC Dominion Securities; and Lawyer Roy Gordon - win door prizes, enjoy live music and refreshments, and bid on wonderful works of art, donated by local artists.

Mikki Nanowski, who organized the Silent Auction of artworks, also donated one of her own paintings. She noted that retirement is "not just financial. There's another part of retirement. Like, what are we going to do with our time?"

Nanowski encouraged those nearing retirement to take up art, or at least art collecting. "I encourage you to support artists, and buy art. You will have a sense of accomplishment."

Khalsa Day in BWG

April 13, 2014, has been proclaimed as Khalsa Day in the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

Whereas: Khalsa Day marks the Anniversary of the founding of the Sikh Order of the Khalsa by Guru Gobind Singh; and

Whereas: Bradford West Gwillimbury residents of the Sikh faith have made and continue to make tremendous contributions to the growth and development of the community and the country as a whole; and

Whereas: a fundamental strength of our community lies in our unique racial and ethno-cultural diversity, the value that we place on respecting all beliefs and religions being a source of strength in our Town, our Province and our Country; and

Whereas: in celebrating this significant holiday, our Sikh community provides our residents with an opportunity to experience and share in the educational, cultural and religious significance of this very important day,

Therefore Be it Resolved: That His Worship Mayor Doug White and Members of Council proclaim April 13, 2014 as Khalsa Day in the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury. **There will be a flag-raising at the Court House on Sunday, April 13 at 11 a.m.** All are welcome to attend.

Afternoon of Awesome

So often there can be friction between Moms and their tween-aged daughters.

That's one reason why Atmosphere Changers & Real Girl Studio are hosting a **Be Awesome Mother & Daughter Self-Esteem** event, in Bradford. It will be an opportunity to build self-esteem and a positive self-image, and strengthen those Mother-Daughter bonds, during an afternoon of fashion and fun.

Be Awesome takes place at the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West on Saturday, June 14 from 1 to 4 p.m. Moms and their daughters ages 7 to 12 will enjoy a Fashion Show by the Pink Closet, Photo Booth, Zumba, participate in fashion design projects, enjoy free manicures, free make-up tips with Brittany Buck Beauty Boutique, and listen to an inspirational guest speaker.

Tickets are only $10 for Tweens, $15 for Moms, and guests will receive a free gift bag valued at $40. For more information or tickets, email ***be-awesome@outlook.com*** or call Lisa, 416-451-8493. Check out the event on ***Facebook.com/be-awesome***

A portion of the proceeds will go the The Hub Youth Drop in Centre.

Audition for Play Readings

South Simcoe Theatre is holding auditions for ***Four Play: A Showcase of Play Readings***, on stage June 5 to 8 at the Old Town Hall Theatre, 1 Hamilton St. in Cookstown.

The plays selected range from horror to comedy, and include long and short works by playwrights from New York, Toronto, Minesing, Alliston, Innisfil and Cookstown. No physical acting or memorization is required. There will be 4 to 6 rehearsals, starting in May, and one performance of each play.

Interested? Auditions will take place by appointment on Saturday, April 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Theatre. For more information and a list of the plays, see ***www.southsimcoetheatre.com*** To schedule an audition, contact Christina Luck, at 705-458-4422 or ***christinajluck@icloud.com*** or call the Box Office, 705-458-4432.

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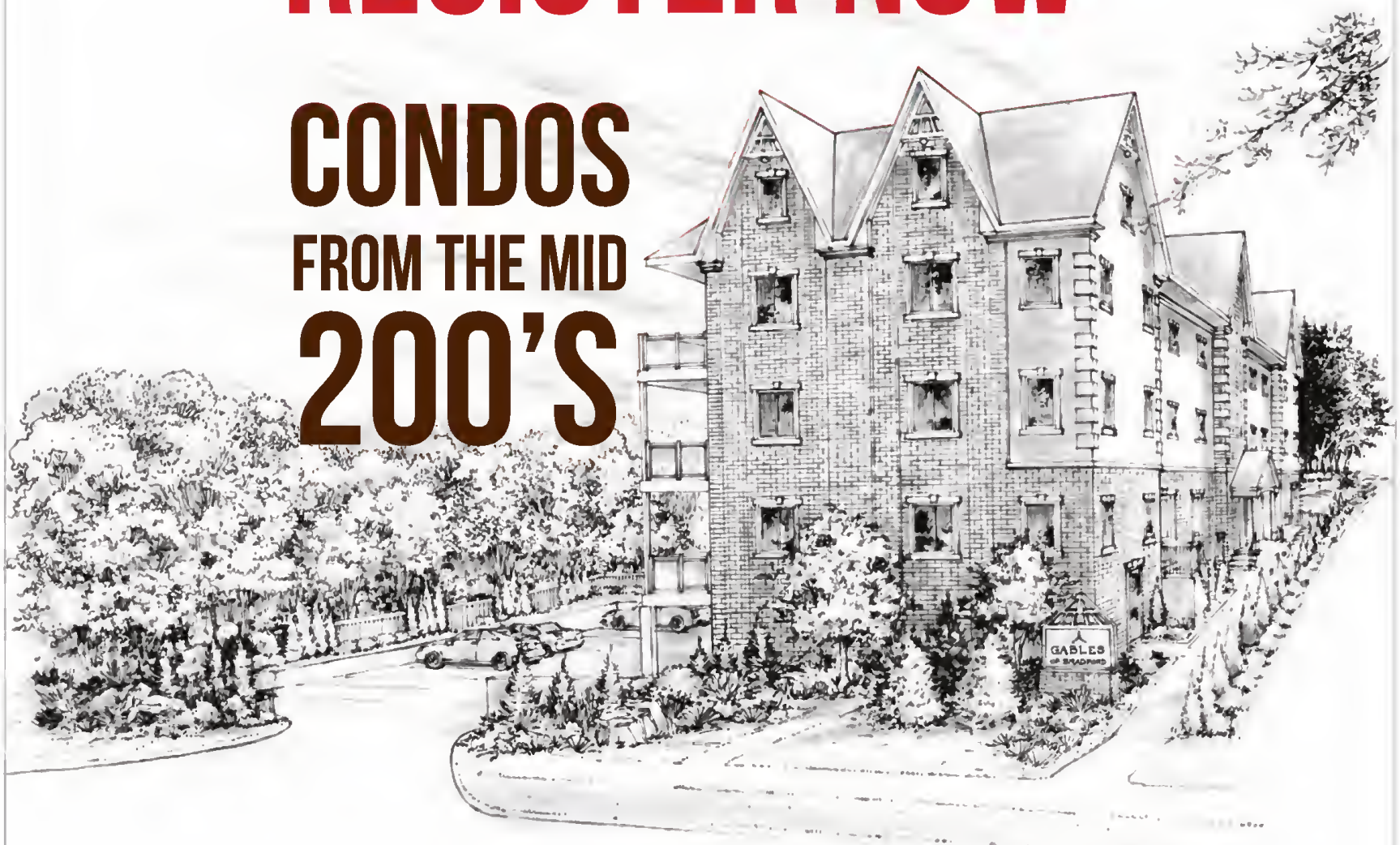

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